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SUBJECT: JUNE 17 MEETING IN MOSCOW BETWEEN HONECKER AND BREZHNEV

1. SUMMARY: THE MAJOR EAST BERLIN NEWSPAPERS REPORTED ON JUNE 18 THE BRIEF, ONLY HOURS LONG MEETING IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 17 BETWEEN FIRST SECRETARY HONECKER OF THE SED AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS HONECKER FLEW FROM EAST BERLIN THE MORNING OF THE 17TH AND ARRIVED IN MOSCOW AROUND 11 AM WHERE HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY BREZHNEV AND EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION HARRY OTT. AFTER A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FONMIN ANDREI GROMYKO, HONECKER RETURNED TO BERLIN THE SAME DAY. THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HONECKER AND BREZHNEV TOOK PLACE IN BREZHNEV' OFFICE IN THE KREMLIN. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED

ON THE OCCASION OF THIS MEETING ARE:

(A) THE STATEMENT THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HAS BEEN DONE TO INSURE THAT THE FINAL PHASE OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION TAKES PLACE IN JULY "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL." IN THE SAME CONTEXT IT IS STATED THAT "A SUCESS" OF THIS CONFERENCE WOULD PRODUCE NEW AND FAVORABLE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND FOR ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONS AMONG ALL COUNTRIES.

PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA (MBFR) WOULD SERVE THE SAME END THROUGH A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

(B) THE MEETING WAS THE OCCASION OF AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PREPARATION FOR THE 25TH CONFERENCE OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY (FEBRUARY 1976) AND THE 9TH PARTEITAG OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF THE GDR (MAY 1976).

(C) SOME EMPHASIS WAS PLACED UPON THE COORDINATION OF PLANNING IN SEVERAL FIELDS OF ACTIVITY INCLUDING THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS. THER WAS SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE COORDINATION OF FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE GDR AND THE NEED TO COLABORATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE ECONOMIC PLANS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(D) IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT A DELEGA-TION OF SED AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM THE GDR WOULD VISIT MOSCOW IN THE FALL OF 1975.

3. AN ACCOMPANYING REPORT IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND DESCRIBED THE MEETING OF THE TWO LEADERS AT THE AIRPORT AND THE SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION OF THE FIRST FEW MINTUES OF THE MEETING IN THE KREMLIN. THIS REPORT EMPHASIZED THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF THE GREETING AT THE AIRPORT DURING WHICH IT IS REPORTED THAT THE TWO LEADERS "CHATTED AMIABLY." ACCORDING TO THE STORY BOTH LEADERS "GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING IN THE BEST OF HEALTH." AT THE KREMLIN BREZHNEV SHOWED HONECKER TWO LARGE AND TWO SMALL SHOTOGRAPHS OF HIMSELF DURING THE WAR YEARS AND MORE RECENT PHOTOS DISPLAYED FOR THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN MOSCOW. COOPER
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